

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF       )  
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR       )  
APPROVAL OF THE 2018 PROGRAM FOR THE       )       PSC DOCKET NO. 18-0224  
PROCUREMENT OF SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY )  
CREDITS   )  
(FILED April 16, 2018)                               )

**ORDER NO. 9215**

**AND NOW**, this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of May 2018, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2018, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§ 351 *et seq.*, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva") filed an application (the "Application") with the Commission requesting approval of its 2018 Program for the Procurement of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (the "2018 Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Program is based on requirements set forth in the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Act ("REPSA"), which was enacted in 2007 and has been amended in subsequent years. See 26 *Del. C.* §§ 351-364. The 2011 Amendments made Delmarva responsible for procuring renewable energy credits ("RECs")<sup>1</sup> and solar renewable energy credits ("SRECs")<sup>2</sup> necessary for compliance with respect to all energy delivered to Delmarva's distribution customers beginning in compliance year 2012 (June 2012 - May 2013); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Program is based on recommendations of the Renewable Energy Taskforce (the "Taskforce"), which is charged with

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<sup>1</sup> A "REC" is defined in 26 *Del. C.* § 352(18).

<sup>2</sup> An "SREC" is defined in 26 *Del. C.* § 352(25).

making such recommendations to the Commission and other entities.<sup>3</sup> See 26 Del. C. § 360(d), (d)(2), and (d)(3). The 2018 Program is also based on the Pilot Program,<sup>4</sup> the 2013 Program,<sup>5</sup> the 2014 Program,<sup>6</sup> the 2015 Program,<sup>7</sup> the 2016 Program,<sup>8</sup> and the 2017 Program<sup>9</sup> (collectively the "SREC Programs") for the Procurement of Solar Renewable Energy Credits, which the Taskforce developed and which the Commission previously approved; and

**WHEREAS**, in its Application, Delmarva requested that the Commission handle this matter on an expedited basis; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of 26 Del. C. §§ 102A and 304, Delmarva must publish the notice attached as Exhibit A **on or**

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<sup>3</sup> 26 Del. C. § 360(d)(2)a.-g. provides: "[t]he Taskforce is charged with making recommendations about and reporting on the following and matters related thereto: a. Establishing balanced markets mechanisms for REC and SREC trading; b. Establishing REC and SREC aggregation mechanisms and other devices to encourage the deployment of renewable, distributed renewable, and solar energy technologies in Delaware with the least impact on retail electricity suppliers, municipal electric companies and rural electric cooperatives; c. After an analysis by the Taskforce, the annual progress towards achieving the minimum cumulative percentages for all renewable energy resources including, but not limited to, solar and other eligible energy resources and making appropriate recommendations based upon deliberate and factual analysis and study; d. Minimizing the cost for complying with any portion of this subchapter based upon deliberate and factual analysis and study; e. Establishing revenue certainty for appropriate investment in renewable energy technologies, including, but not limited to, consideration of long-term contracts and auction mechanisms; f. Establishing mechanisms to maximize in-state renewable energy generation and local manufacturing; and g. Ensuring that residential, commercial, and utility scale photovoltaic and solar thermal systems of various sizes are financially viable and cost-effective investments in Delaware.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission approved the Pilot Program via Order Nos. 8075 (November 8, 2011) and 8093 (December 20, 2011) in PSC Docket No. 11-399.

<sup>5</sup> The Commission approved the 2013 Program via Order Nos. 8281 (January 22, 2013) and 8450 (September 10, 2013).

<sup>6</sup> The Commission approved the 2014 Program via Order Nos. 8551 (April 15, 2014) and 8629 (September 9, 2014).

<sup>7</sup> The Commission approved the 2015 Program via Order Nos. 8717 (March 3, 2015) and 8764 (July 21, 2015).

<sup>8</sup> The Commission approved the 2016 Program via Order Nos. 8884 (May 3, 2016) and 8890 (September 6, 2016).

<sup>9</sup> The Commission approved the 2017 Program via Order Nos. 9050 (April 20, 2017) and 9116 (September 14, 2017)

**before May 25, 2018** in the legal classified section of The News Journal and Delaware State News newspapers; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff has just begun its review of the details of the 2018 Program for compliance with the Commission's previous orders as well as compliance with the Taskforce's recommendations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE  
VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. Delmarva is required to file in this docket affidavits of publication of such public notices as soon as possible, but not later than the commencement of the evidentiary hearings concerning this matter.

2. The deadline for filing written comments on the Application and for any petitions to intervene pursuant to 26 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1001-2.9.2 shall be **on or before Tuesday, June 5, 2018**. Late-filed petitions to intervene will not be granted unless good cause is shown.

3. Pursuant to 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §§ 1001-2.1.1 and 2.9.3, the Commission designates to Senior Hearing Examiner Mark Lawrence the authority to grant or deny petitions seeking leave to intervene and motions for admission of counsel *pro hac vice*.

4. The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing on this matter at its regularly-scheduled meeting **on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** The Commission will make its decision on the Application based upon the entire record of the case.

5. The Commission Secretary shall promptly serve a copy of this Order on the Division of the Public Advocate.

6. Delmarva is hereby placed on notice that the costs of the proceeding will be charged to it under the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* § 114(b)(1).

7. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

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Chair

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Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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Secretary

**Exhibit A**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING**

**TO: ALL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY AND  
OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

On April 16, 2018, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva") filed an application ("Application") with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting approval of the 2018 Program for the Procurement of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (the "2018 Program") developed by the Renewable Energy Taskforce, of which Delmarva is a member.

The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the record evidence taken at a public evidentiary hearing to be held at its regularly-scheduled meeting **on June 19, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** at the Commission's office located at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19904.

You are invited to review the Application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected. You may review the documents during normal business hours in the Commission's Dover office or in the Commission's electronic filing system,

DelaFile, at <https://delafile.delaware.gov/Login.aspx>. Search for Docket #: 18-0224.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's office, please contact Donna Nickerson at [Donna.nickerson@state.de.us](mailto:Donna.nickerson@state.de.us) to arrange a time for review. You may also review copies of the Application at the Division of the Public Advocate's Wilmington office located at the Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 or its Dover office located at 29 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901. Please call the Division of the Public Advocate's Wilmington office at (302) 577-5077 or the Dover office at 302-241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at the respective locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. This form may be found at [https://delaware.gov/help/foia\\_request.shtml?subj=DOS](https://delaware.gov/help/foia_request.shtml?subj=DOS). There is also a link to the Freedom of Information Act Request Form on the Commission's website at <https://sos.delaware.gov/foia-requests/>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. ch. 100.

If you wish to participate as a party in this docket, with the right to present evidence and be heard by counsel, you must file a petition to intervene under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure as set forth in 26 Del. Admin. C. § 1001-2.9. You must file that petition **on or before June 5, 2018**, via DelaFile or at the Commission's office located at:

Delaware Public Service Commission

861 Silver Lake Boulevard  
Cannon Building, Suite 100  
Dover, Delaware 19904  
ATTN: PSC Docket No. 18-0224

Petitions filed thereafter will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you would like to file written comments on the Application, you must do so **on or before June 5, 2018**, using the Commission's electronic filing system, DelaFile, at <https://delafile.delaware.gov/Login.aspx> and select Public Comments under Public Links and refer to Docket #: 18-0224 or by sending such comments to the Commission's office located in Dover, Delaware at the address above.

If you have a disability and wish to participate in, or to review the materials in, these proceedings, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, in writing, by telephone (including text telephone), or by Internet e-mail. If you have questions about this matter, please call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions or request information by Internet e-mail addressed to [pamela.knotts@state.de.us](mailto:pamela.knotts@state.de.us).